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SUBJECT: Action Assignment on

1. By next Wednesday noon, I will have to have a listing of proposed courses of action under over-all actions to be taken by this Government subsequent to Stalin's death. Under these courses of action, which I suggest not exceed four, should be one or two spell-outs of the principal types of action the Agency can pursue. I would like to have these ready for task team discussion, say, at a meeting about 1100, Tuesday, the 9th. Will you please arrange necessary details for the meeting.

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2. These courses of action should be patterned along the general concept which Mr. Lindsay prescribed as a result of his initial review of our papers. We should stipulate such courses of action which in three to five years can appreciably have an impact upon the courses of events through covert supplementation. The courses of action should prescribe the general direction in which we are aiming and try to foresee possibilities of developments within the Soviet regime which we can overtly take advantage of; in principal, two general types of policy papers: the carrot and the stick approach. If a faction can be manipulated into such a position that we can come to terms, indicate what deals and inducements might be offered....capitalist expansion, increased consumer goods, liberalized trade arrangements, etc. Or, on the other hand, more restrictive pressure techniques, perhaps, exploiting ethnic dissidence within the USSR,

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